

BIOGRAPHY

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COLONEL DAVID D. GILBREATH

Colonel David D. Gilbreath is the commander, 18th Medical Group, 18th Wing, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan.

Colonel Gilbreath was born in Brockwell, Arkansas. His family moved to Yakima, Washington, in 1954, where he completed his primary education. He attended Yakima Valley College for two years before enlisting in the Air Force in August 1968. In the Inventory Management career field, he worked in several branches of Base Supply while completing his undergraduate studies. He was commissioned in the Medical Service Corps in April 1977, following completion of a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington.

Colonel Gilbreath is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and has worked all the functional areas of Air Force healthcare administration. He has held staff positions at MAJCOM, Air Staff and OSD level.

EDUCATION:

- 1976 Bachelor of arts degree in business administration, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington.
- 1984 Squadron Officers' School by correspondence.
- 1984 Master's degree in health care administration, Baylor University, Texas.
- 1985 Air Command and Staff College by correspondence.
- 1994 Air War College by correspondence.
- 1995 Fellow, American College of Healthcare Executives

ASSIGNMENTS:

- 1. August 1968 - April 1977, various assignments in Inventory Management Specialist career field of Base Supply
- 2. April 1977 - July 1977, Medical Service Corps basic course, Sheppard AFB, TX
- 3. July 1977 - July 1979, Director of Medical Logistics and Commander of Medical Squadron Section, USAF Clinic, Duluth, Minnesota
- 4. August 1979 - August 1982, Director of Patient Administration, Director of Resource Management and Clinic Administrator, USAF Clinic Howard, Republic of Panama
- 5. August 1982 - July 1983, student, Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration, Baylor University, Texas
- 6. July 1983 - July 1984, student, Residency in Healthcare Administration, USAF Academy Hospital, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- 7. July 1984 - August 1986, Director of Resource Management, USAF Hospital, Dyess AFB, TX
- 8. August 1986 - July 1987, student, Air Staff Fellowship in Financial Management, HQ USAF/SGHC, Bolling AFB, Washington D.C.
- 9. July 1987 - July 1989, Associate Administrator, 22d Strategic Hospital, March AFB, California
- 10. August 1989 - November 1990, Associate Administrator and Administrator, 92d Strategic Hospital, Fairchild AFB, Washington
- 11. November 1990 - December 1992, Administrator, 9th Medical Group, Beale AFB, California
- 12. January 1993 - August 1995, Senior Health Program Analyst, OASD(Health Affairs), Washington D.C.

13. August 1995 - November 1996, Administrator, 72d Medical Group, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma
14. November 1996 - June 1998, Deputy Group Commander, 10th Medical Group, Command Administrator, USAFA, CO
15. June 1998 - Present, Commander, 18th Medical Group, Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Department of Defense Achievement Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	Apr 11, 1977
First Lieutenant	Apr 11, 1979
Captain	Apr 11, 1981
Major	Mar 1, 1988
Lieutenant Colonel	Apr 1, 1993
Colonel	Apr 1, 1998

(Current as of July 1998)